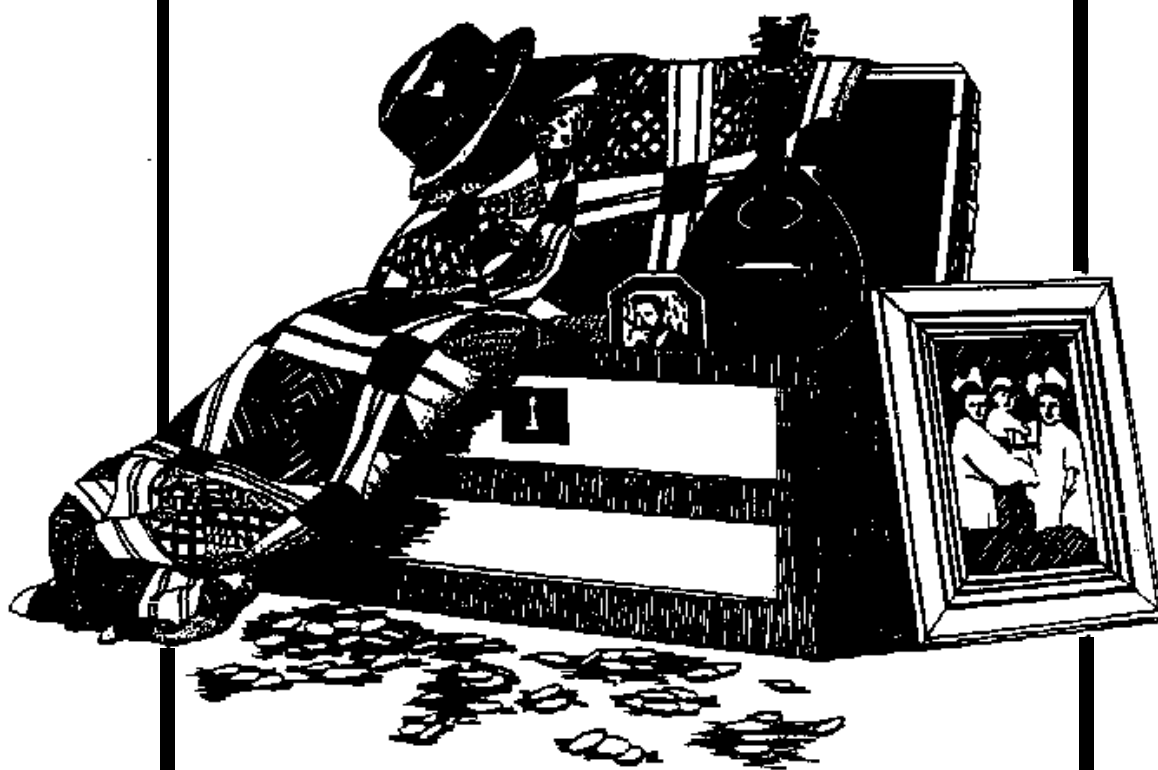


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**Thoughts from your Editor:**  
**Conclusions on my 47+ years researching Friedrich KIESER (1842-1909)**

by Betty Jo STOCKTON



Did you leave the Tom JONES Seminar brimming with new ideas for researching your family? I went home and spent the next two days trying out his suggestions - with great results. I've extended two families another generation and I believe that I've finally solved my 47-year-old puzzle - the search for my great grandfather, Frederick KIESER. One of Tom's suggestions was to gather all the facts and note why they were created and how accurate they might be. If some don't fit, consider which are most likely to be correct and put the rest aside. He compared it to a puzzle, with pieces that won't fit exactly, because some are missing - and some may be from a different puzzle. My sticking point on my KIESER records was a birth date from the family bible (repeated on his tombstone) - but that didn't agree with the dates obtained from German church records. In considering the source of this date - I determined that it was most likely recorded by Frederick's wife, Maria, who did not know him until he was in his 20s. Frederick was probably illiterate - and had immigrated as a child, possibly alone, so may not have known or remembered his birthday correctly - or had given Maria the wrong date. Without that anomaly, the rest of the facts fit fairly well.

So after putting the pieces together: Conclusions on my years of research on Friedrich Kieser (1842-1909)

In 1967, I began my genealogical research on my great grandfather, Friedrich KIESER. I'd found his family Bible, with family data written in German, except for the final entry in English "*Our Father Frederick KIESER was killed by the H. V. [Hocking Valley] Ry train Wednesday noon Sept. 22, 1909 on his way home from market. His funeral services were held on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at the Union Baptist Church, Rev. W. H. TUSSING officiating. The U.V.L. [Union Veteran Lodge?] attended in body and had the services at the grave*". I was hooked and have spent massive amounts of time, energy and money trying to learn more about him. At last, I believe that I have enough information to put the pieces together.

My conclusions: Frederick KIESER was born in Illingen, Wurttemberg, Germany on 29 July 1842 [his family bible gives 11 August 1842]. He was the illegitimate son of Johanna Christina Kieser, born in Illingen in 1821. His father is unknown. He had a brother or half brother, John KIESER/KEISER, born in Ohio in 1854, a second illegitimate son of Johanna KIESER. Johanna married Gottfried Reidel/Riddle in Delaware Co, OH in 1857 and had a legitimate daughter, Lyda RIDDLE, in 1858. Johanna [Hannah] RIDDLE died about 1867, probably in Delaware Co, OH. Gottfried RIDDLE had an earlier marriage which produced 2 sons, Christian, born in 1846, and John, born in 1850. Johanna KIESER had immigrated in 1853 or 1854; Frederick Kieser immigrated in 1854. No immigration records have been found.

The search has not only been long - but convoluted. In order to put the odd pieces together, I made a time line and a "conclusions" chart to try to make sense of the bits and pieces.

In the process, I've:

Used the services of two professional researchers, one in Ohio and one in Germany.

Contacted (by email) the mayor of Illingen, Wurttemberg, who led me to the town archivist, who located the estate inventory (equivalent to a will) for Johanna KIESER's parents and siblings.

Found pension records for both Frederick KIESER and John KEISER at the National Archives. John KEISER'S pension papers were filed with Civil War records, even though he was born in 1854 and served in the "Indian Removals" in the West. Family stories say the Army had misspelled his surname, and it was easier to change his name than to change Army records.

Corresponded with every Lutheran church in Marion and Delaware Co, OH, as well as the Lutheran Church archives. (I have Frederick's 1859 confirmation certificate from St Luke's Lutheran Church in Middletown, OH. Middletown no longer exists; neither the church archives or any of the churches in the area can locate his records.)

Checked with the National Archives, regional archives and local courthouses for naturalization records - so far unsuccessfully.

Read, with great difficulty, a number of Ohio German-language newspapers for anything about the family. Spent an entire summer (pre-internet) at the National Archives reading every passenger list for 1853-54..

After years of searching, I went back through my files and photos - and discovered that John RIDDLE, the stepbrother of John KEISER, was included in some of the photos. I hadn't made the connection until I learned more about the family. Had I done so, it would have made the search easier. As it is, it's one more connection.

Conclusions	Proofs/Discrepancies
<p>Johanna KIESER had an illegitimate son, Frederick, on 29 Jul 1842 (Lutheran Family Register - family of Johannes KIESER, Illingen, Wurttemberg). Three of Johanna's sisters also had illegitimate sons about the same time. All three sisters, probably with their sons, immigrated "to Amerika" about 1853/4. A younger brother, Johannes, immigrated about the same time. None of the other family members have been located. None show up on passenger lists or immigration records.</p>	<p>Birth dates are 12 days off - Frederick was only 11-12 at immigration, might he not have know exact date? He may have been illiterate; his wife Maria, a school teacher, made the entries in the family bible.</p>
<p>The families of John KEISER and Frederick KIESER had a close relationship.</p>	<p>Supported by photos of John's family at the funeral of Maria (GAMMERDINGER) Kieser in 1903 and Fred W. KIESER's birthday in 1916.. Mary KIESER, grand-daughter of Frederick, told of the family going to visit Uncle John at the "poor farm" for vacations - riding in the fire engine from Seagraves, where her father was superintendent.</p>
<p>In the 1860 census, Frederick KIESER was working in Marion Co, OH, as farm labor on the farm of Christian LEHNER, an immigrant from Illingen, Wurttemberg. Johanna (Hannah) KIESER RIDDLE was living in Delaware, OH with husband Gottfried REIDEL/ RIDDLE and son John, age 6, The towns are about 15 miles apart.</p>	<p>John KEISER, b. 1854, listed as John RIDDLE, b. OH. There was another John RIDDLE, b. 1851, in the household. Conjecture - John, b. 1851 was son of Gottfried RIDDLE; the second John, b 1854, was son of Hannah KIESER</p>
<p>Marriage record of Hannah KIESER to Gottfried REIDEL in 13 Jun 1857, Delaware Co, OH.</p>	<p>Marriage records of Delaware Co, OH. Supported by inventory of sister's estate in Germany</p>
<p>John KEISER was superintendent of the Fairfield Co, OH "poor farm" [county infirmary]            Family lore states that the Army misspelled John's name; he decided it was easier to change his name than convince the Army to change their records.  <b>History of Fairfield Co, OH 1912</b> gives history of John Keiser "He was born in Marion County, O., March 15, 1854, and is a son of Frederick and Hannah KEISER. The parents of Mr. KEISER, who were born in Germany, emigrated to America early in the fifties, locating for a time at Delaware, O. Later they moved to Marion County but subsequently returned to Delaware and there the family lived until the death of his mother, when John was thirteen years of age."</p>	<p>John KEISER is well documented as head of the County Infirmary in Fairfield Co, OH records. His wife, Caroline (RAVER) Keiser was "matron" of the infirmary.             I believe that Frederick was the much older brother rather than father of John; he was 12 when John was born. The father of John is unknown. Hannah may have been pregnant with John upon immigration - father might be same as Frederick's. No birth records have been located for John.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued on p. 14</p>

## The Forgotten First President: John HANSON (1715-1783)

Patricia Patterson ALLEN



John Hanson

Have you heard of John HANSON? Some people argue that John HANSON, and not George WASHINGTON was the first President of the United States. This is not quite true. When we think of the President of the United States, we are actually referring to a President elected Under the U.S. Constitution. Everybody knows that the first President in that sense was George WASHINGTON.

However, the Articles of Confederation, the predecessor to the Constitution, also called for a President. Eight (8) men were appointed to serve one year terms as president under the Articles. In November 1781, John HANSON became the first President of the United States in Congress Assembled, under the Articles of Confederation.

Hanson served from 5 November 1781 until 3 November 1782. Although his powers were greatly diminished, he accomplished the following:

Removed all foreign troops from U.S. lands, as well as their flags.

Introduced the Treasury Department.

Appointed the first Secretary of War.

Established the first Foreign Affairs Department.

Led the fight to guarantee the statehood of the Western territories beyond the Appalachian Mountains that had been controlled by some of the original thirteen colonies.

Established Thanksgiving Day as the fourth Thursday in November.

Accomplishing so much during his one-year term was a great feat. His statue appears with that of George Washington in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Upon his death on 21 November 1783, the following eulogy appeared in the Maryland Gazette:

“Thus was ended the career of one of America’s greatest statesmen. While hitherto practically unknown to our people, and this is true as to nearly all the generations that have lived since his day, his great handiwork, the nation which he helped to establish, remains as a fitting tribute to his memory. It is doubtful if there has ever lived on this side of the Atlantic, a nobler character or shrewder statesman. One would search in vain to find a more powerful personage, or a more aggressive leader in the annals of American history, and it is extremely doubtful if there has ever lived in an age since the advent of civilization, a man with a keener grasp or, or a deeper insight into, such democratic ideals as are essential to the promotion of personal liberty and the extension of human happiness. He was firm in his opinion that the people of America were capable to ruling themselves without the aid of a king.”

## From Obituary Indexes to EpochLegacies.org Preserving Cultural Heritage at the Orange County Library System

The library's efforts to preserve cultural heritage for future generations through obituaries began 65 years ago with obituary indexes and continues today with a permanent obituary depository – [EpochLegacies.org](http://EpochLegacies.org)

Beginning in 1949, library staff members recorded the name, age, publication date, and page number for obituaries and funeral notices published in the daily Orlando newspaper.

	1952 ES	
Ivey, Rufus W. ✓	76	2 Feb 25
Isemann, Margaret ✓	76	5 Oct 13
Ickes, Franklin Newton ✓	93	5 Nov 22
Iacovitti, Mrs. Anthony ✓	nl	9 Dec 8
Iacovitti, St. Anthony ✓	nl	9 Dec 8
Iacovitti, Anthony SR ✓	6	9 Dec 8
Iacovitti, Barbara Marie ✓	3	9 Dec 8
Iacovitti, John Allen ✓	3m	9 Dec 8

The pen and paper indexes gave way in 1992 to a card catalog index – same information just filed in alphabetic order not by year. In 1998, the index cards gave way to an in-house database that also includes type of entry – death notice, obituary or article. Entries to this database continued to September 2009. The addition of the Orlando Sentinel online database eliminated the need for staff indexing of obituaries.

Through the years these obituary indexes have helped untold numbers of people locate and preserve their family history. The original handwritten and typed paper indexes, still in use today at the Orlando Public Library, are now available in digital format at [OrlandoMemory.info](http://OrlandoMemory.info) (search for “obit indexes” in quotes). The names inscribed on these pages provide a link to thousands who through their obituary became a permanent part of Orlando’s memory and cultural heritage.

The library currently has two Orlando Sentinel online databases for locating obituaries, death notices and general articles about Orlando residents. Both are available in all library locations and at home for OCLS library card holders.

NewsBank includes Orlando Sentinel editions beginning in April 1985. It also includes other Florida and Southeastern Regional newspapers.

The screenshot shows the NewsBank website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation links. Below, it displays search results for "George Palmer in All Text and obituaries in All Text". The results are filtered by year, showing 2002 (14), 2001 (44), 2000 (49), and 1999 (17). A specific result is highlighted, titled "OBITUARIES" from THE ORLANDO SENTINEL, dated April 1, 2002. The snippet mentions "J. ANDARY, 80, Palmer Avenue, Winter Park, died Saturday, March 30, of ... son, Randy, Orlando; brother, Kenneth Keith, St. George, Utah; sisters, Zella Chemery, Madison Heights, ...".

The second, ProQuest Digital Microfilm, includes Orlando Sentinel editions from January 2010 forward. There is about a six month lag between the publication date and availability of the digital images online – the same as with the physical microfilm available at the Orlando Public Library.





As the cost for placing obituaries increases, the number of obituaries decreases. In an effort to preserve these genealogical and historical treasures for future generations, the Orange County Library System developed EPOCH – Electronically Preserving Obituaries as Cultural Heritage.

At [EpochLegacies.org](http://EpochLegacies.org) you may create a permanent tribute for your loved one – whether they died recently or long ago. You may add images, and others may add memories and comments, creating a legacy for future generations.



If you would like a copy of a death notice or obituary published in the Orlando Sentinel emailed to you, call 407-835-7323 with your OCLS library card number, and provide detailed information about the deceased including full name, year of birth and date of death. The charge for non-Orange County residents is \$30 per half hour. And, of course, you can access the microfilm free of charge in person at the Orlando Public Library.

As you scroll through the old index books either in person at the Orlando Public Library or online at [OrlandoMemory.info](http://OrlandoMemory.info) some entries tug at your heart and pique your curiosity like the entry for the Iacovitti family in the 1952 obit index book.

Curiosity got the better of me and I had to know what happened to this family. To find out what I discovered, look for the Iacovitti tribute at [EpochLegacies.org](http://EpochLegacies.org)



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## Pensioners in Orange County 1911

Wed July 19, 1911 - *Daily Reporter Star* - Orange County's Pensioners [transcribed by Nickey NEEL]

At the request of a friend of Gov. GILCHRIST, we print below the list of those receiving pensions in Orange County. While the total amount runs up to \$22,228.15, it is small in comparison with some of the counties, considering the assessable values of the relative counties. For instance, there are several counties which do not pay in as taxes much more than half as much as Orange and whose pensioners are receiving a total sum nearly as great. We are registering no kick, however, for we are very well satisfied with what our gallant ex-confederate soldiers and their widows are receiving, but want to show the world that they are not getting a cent more than they deserve, nor more than those of the other sections of the State receive.

John L. CHANDLER, Orl 120; Wm. C. ALFRED, Geneva 120; Wm. P. VAUGHN, Geneva 120; S. C. CHAMBLISS, Geneva 120; Hiram BEAZLEY, Orl 120; James ARGO, Oviedo 120; W. A. BRAUNER, Maitland 100; Eli W. BURKETT, Maitland 120; Wm. W. BARBER Orl 120; Wm. M. BAXTER, Maitland 150; Enoch BELL, Sanford 120; Madison F. BARKSDALE, Tangerine 120; John C. CALHOUN, Sanford 120; Warren C. CANNON, Orl 25 (Died August 31, 1909); Augustus J. DRIGGERS, Longwood 120; Edward F. DRIGGERS, Longwood 120; E. W. D. DUNN, Sanford 120; A. P. FARNELL, Oviedo 120; James M. DAVIS, Apopka 120; James T. GRAY, Orl 120; Geo. W. HARDAWAY, Longwood 100; Lee J. HARTLEY, Paola 120; Leslie C. HORN, Orl 100; S. R. HEIDT, Winter Garden 120; John INGRAM, Sanford 120; Cornelius C. JOHNS, Orl 150; Cornelius JOHNS, Pine Castle 150; Wm. M. JOHNSON, Orl 100; Robt. P. JEROME, Plymouth 100; Joseph U. LEONARD, Geneva 120; Chas. B. LIN, Apopka 100; Geo. LEONARY, Sanford 100; Wm. I. LAYTON, Tangerine 120; James R. MONTAGUE, Orl 100; Ezekiel MATHEWS, Sanford 120; John C. PAYTON, Winter Garden 100; Wm. PERRY, Orl 120; Edmond R. PRINCE, Orl 120; Albert RINALDI, Orl 150 (Died Dec 31, 1910); Chas. A. ROBERSON, Orl 150; John T. ROBERTSON, Orl 120; John S. SIMMONS, Maitland 120; A. T. SCRUGGS, Orl 120; John N. SEARCY, Longwood 120; Samuel W. SHEPARD, Orl 100; James W. SPITLER, Maitland 120; J. B. SPEAR, Oakland 120; Alex P. TERRY, Lockhart 150; Joseph E. FERRELL [TERRELL?], Orl 120; John S. WOMBIE, Portsmouth 150; John A. ALEXANDER, Oakland 120; Andrew J. DAVIS, Orl 120; Geo. C. CRAWFORD, Orl 120; Cornelius F. AKERS, Orl 120; Henry D. BERRY, Winter Garden 120; Beauford L. DEAN, Orl 120; Otis S. TARVER, Sanford 120; John C. BELLAMY, Victoria 100; John W. ROPER, Winter Garden 120; Walter STANNERS, Orl 120; Thos. J. SHEPARD, Orl 120; John J. REDDITT, Orl 31.66 (Died Oct 5, 1909); Wm. PRINGLE, Maitland 120; Daniel O'Rourke, Chuluota 120; Eli A. LEE, Sanford 120; David C. HILL, Lockhart 100; A. L. HATCH, Christmas 120; Andrew J. HOLDER, Geneva 120; Isiah D. HART, Geneva 100; Wm. B. HULL, Orl 120; Geo. B. DICKINSON, Maitland 135; Robt. J. BIGELOW, Ocoee 120; Richard L. REESE, Oakland 120; James H. PURDON, Oviedo 120; Mark Bryan REAVES, Winter Garden 100; James I. COCHRAN, Ocoee 120; James B. PARTIN, Maitland 100; James D. WEBB, Orl 120, Wm. H. HOLDEN, Orl 100; Algeron S. SPEER, Sanford 100; John S. BARNHARDT, Sanford 100; John F. BARRETT, Sanford 100; James E. HARPER, Formosa 120; Wm. J. OSTEEN, Christmas 100; Seaborn THORNTON, Maitland 180. Total \$9,706.66. The above is the amount paid 12 months ending June 30, 1910. The amount paid six months ending Dec 31, 1920 is \$4,865.83

WIDOWS: Katie DREGGORS, Sanford 120; Mary A. CLARK, Orl 120; Mary C. DOYLE, Sanford 120; Virginia A. EVANS, Sanford 120; Nettie I. HART Orl 120; Nancy HARRIS, Pine Castle 120; Mrs. C. M. E. JENKINS, Sanford 120; Marzella JOHN, Pine Castle 120; Cornelia J. MILLER, Orl 120; Mary E. PATRICK, Orl 120; Joanna PETERS, Orl 120; Sallie M. PEABODY, Sanford 120; Sallie E. REAMS, Orl 30 (Last payment made Sept 30 1909); Donella C. SLOAN, Orl 120; Ellen E. SIMMONS, Orl 120; Clara I. WHEELER, Oviedo 120; Emma V. WALKER, Orl 120; Mary J. RACKLEY, Gotha 120; Mary A. PILLANS, Orl 120; Elizabeth BOYD, Sanford 120; Martha A. MILLS, Pine Castle 120; Elizabeth SMITH, Paola 120; Nancy SHIRTRIDGE, Sanford 120; Susan A. BRANNON, Orl 120; Amanda J. CHISOLM, Orl 120; Ozella T. CHAMPNEYS, Apopka 120; Victoria HAWKINS, Sanford 120; Sarah E. LOVE, Apopka 120; Mamie C. TOLAR, Sanford 120; Georgia A. NICHOLSON, Geneva 120; Talula A. WILLIAMS, Maitland 120; Mary J. WHEELER, Christmas 120; Francia WILLIAMSON, Orl 32 (Died Oct 6, 1909); Annie A. WHITE, Orl 120; Sarah ROWLAND, Winter Garden 120; Nannie B. SHARPE,

Sanford 120; Henrietta SPEER, Sanford 88; Annie C. WOODBRIDGE, Birmingham 120; Mary L. LEONARDY, Sanford 120; Zilpha HULL, Orl 120; Nancy A. HULL, Orl 120; Millie REDDITT, Orl 88.66; Martha J. POOLE, Tangerine 120; Sallie M. CATHERWOOD, Lake Mary 97. Total \$5,038.66. The above is the amount paid 12 months ending June 30, 1910. The amount paid six months ending Dec. 31, 1910, is \$2,617.00.

In Florida the limitation as to property owned is \$5,000. There is no limitation as to income. There are 2,442 widows on the roll, each drawing \$120 per annum, and 3,463 soldiers, each drawing pensions of from \$100 to \$150. Florida's tax levy for pensions is 4 mills upon all taxable property in the State. The disbursements for pensions in 1910 amounted to \$644,606.52.

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### Obituary of Elizabeth (Gregory) Umbaugh 1807-1902, Columbus, OH

#### THIS PIONEER WOMAN HAD LIVED ALMOST A CENTURY - SHE HAD SEEN THE ADMINISTRATION OF EVERY PRESIDENT BUT TWO - DEATH OF ELIZABETH UмбаUGH



Elizabeth UмбаUGH, one of the oldest pioneers of Columbus and Franklin County died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Annie E. MUNCIE on Ogden Ave, west side, at 9 o'clock last nite. Death was the result of the gradual wearing out of the bodily organs. Mrs UмбаUGH, whose maiden name was Gregory, was born in Port Tobacco, MD, Sept 20, 1807, so that, had she lived to Sept next, she would have completed her 95th year.

Her father was a ship carpenter and shipped on a vessel that put to sea and was never heard of afterward. That happened when she was but a child. She was married to George UмбаUGH in Washington City, Aug 20, 1829. For several years they lived in the national capitol, removing to Circleville, O in 1834, where they resided for 12 years. In 1846, the family removed to Columbus and bought a home on Fifth St, the second lot north of Oak on the east side of the street. Part of the house is still standing. Mr Umbaugh was a carpenter and was engaged on many of the more important structures of the young city. At that time, Fifth St was considered well out in the suburbs.

In 1852, they bought a farm in Perry township, two miles west of North Columbus, upon which they lived until the death of Mr UмбаUGH, which occurred Aug 8, 1886. He was 84 years old when he died and they had lived together for almost 57 years. Yet she lived after his death almost 16 years.

The extreme longevity shown in the life of Mrs UмбаUGH is brought out when it is considered that she had lived under the administration of every president of the United States excepting only two - that of Washington and John Adams. The year of her birth was the year of the trial of Aaron Burr for conspiracy and treason.

Eight children were born to her, seven of whom lived to maturity. The living are Mrs Wm. Galbraith (Georgianna), Wm H. UмбаUGH, Mrs Leman LANE (Minnie), John W. UмбаUGH, Mrs Lewis MUNCIE (Annie) - all living in the city or near by. Charles, the oldest son, was killed while serving in the Union Army at the battle of Stone River, Tenn (near Murphreesboro, Tenn). Ellen (Mrs B. O. ORTMAN) died just one month ago. Margaret died in infancy.

Mrs. UмбаUGH left fifteen grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. The oldest of the great grandchildren being Miss Addie UмбаUGH of this city, now in her 19th year. Mrs. UмбаUGH was the aunt of the late Luther DONALDSON, and his mother, who was her sister, dying when he was a child, she because his foster mother and he was raised with her children.

The funeral will be held from the Baptist Church near North Columbus at 3 p.m. Sunday and interment will be made in the Union Cemetery there. The pall bearers will be grandsons of the deceased as following P. C. UмбаUGH, Frank ORTMAN... remainder of article missing. *Columbus [OH] Dispatch*, 3 May 1902, p6.

[Elizabeth (GREGORY) UмбаUGH was the daughter of James and Ann (JONES) GREGORY. She is the 2nd great grandmother of your editor]

## Czechs and Slovaks in Central Florida

Extracted from a talk by Robert PETRIK delivered to the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences on 27 Jun 2003, at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA<sup>1</sup>. Used with permission.

According to the 1990 census, there were 36,000 of Czech descent, 70,000 of Slovak descent and 15,000 described as Czechoslovak descent living in Florida. While it is true that few Czechs and Slovaks came to Florida directly from Europe, the migration of people from the northeast and mid-west to Florida included a significant number of both nationalities as we shall see during this presentation. To illustrate this point I shall review two communities started in Florida during the early part of the twentieth century, describe an important historical event and historical site, and briefly review some of the organizations that were formed after WWII.

### Slavia

In 1911 several members of the congregation of Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio incorporated themselves as the Slavia Colony Company. They purchased about 1200 acres of land northeast of Orlando. This was the beginning of the little community of Slavia.

Many of the early settlers were from rural areas in Central Europe and had found it difficult to adapt to urban life in Cleveland. Most likely they were attracted to Florida because of the state's campaign to attract settlers due to its warm climate and good soil for farming. For the first decade of its existence, the settlers of Slavia struggled to make a living. At first some families were engaged in lumbering and turpentine collection. All had gardens from which came potatoes, beans, squash, radishes, turnips, cabbage, cucumbers and celery. By the mid-1920s, farming became the most important occupation with celery being the leading cash crop.

Religion was one of the cornerstones that held the community together. In 1912 eight men organized themselves into the congregation of St. Luke the Evangelizer. It wasn't until 1935, however, that the congregation finally obtained a full time pastor.

Today you will not find a commercial district in Slavia. The heart of the community is the lovely St. Luke the Evangelizer Evangelical Lutheran Church.

See the article in the Seminole Chronicle <<http://www.hopehelps.org/forms/021112Stlukes.pdf>> on the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's founding in 1912.



### Andrew DUDA

Andrew DUDA was one of the first four settlers of Slavia. He had come from Europe to Cleveland in 1909 where he had friends and relatives. In the summer of 1912, Andrew's wife, Katarina, and her four children, left Velcice in Austria-Hungary (present day Slovakia) and arrived in Slavia to join Andrew.

The DUDA family lived in a shack previously used by black turpentine and sawmill workers. There were cracks in the walls and cracks in the floors. When the mosquitoes were out in force, they slept under mosquito netting. Andrew worked in the swamps among the alligators, cutting cypress logs and taking them out with oxen and mules. He also worked at a nearby citrus packing plant for a while.



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<sup>1</sup> Petrik, Robert. "Czechs and Slovaks in Florida" <[http://acsc.org/Papers/svu\\_062703b.html](http://acsc.org/Papers/svu_062703b.html)>

Life for the DUDA family as well as the other Slavia settlers was difficult indeed. After struggling financially for four years, the DUDA family returned to Cleveland in 1916. Ten years later, they returned to Slavia and harvested their first cash crop of celery from their 40-acre farm.

It is quite marvelous to think that the present day company known as A. Duda & Sons, Inc. started from such humble beginnings. This diversified, international company now has a domestic land base of 100,000 acres. Privately owned by the DUDA family, management includes third- and fourth-generation family members.

With fields primarily in Florida, Texas and California, DUDA is the largest fresh vegetable grower in the United States. Major vegetable products include celery, radishes, onions, lettuce, sweet corn, carrots, cabbage and peppers. The company grows, packs and ships fresh and processed citrus fruit. It also markets sugar cane, sod and cattle. Lastly, the company has undertaken land development projects such as the establishment of Viera (which means "faith" in Slovak), a new town located in east central Florida.

### **Albin POLÁŠEK**

Albin POLÁŠEK was born in Moravia in 1879 and came to the United States in 1901. In 1906 he studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and won scholarships in 1907, 1908, and 1909. He was a Fellow at the American Academy in Rome from 1910-1913 after which time he started his own studio in New York City.

In 1916 he went to Chicago where he became head of the Department of Sculpture at the Art Institute, a post that he held until 1943.

During WWII he designed his retirement home and studio on the shore of Lake Osceola in Winter Park located in the Orlando area.

In 1961 the Albin Polášek Foundation was established and a gallery was built to house his works. He died in 1965 at age 86.

Today the Albin Polášek Museum and Sculpture Gardens holds more than 200 sculptures and paintings. In 2000 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

I have been to the Albin Polášek Museum and Sculpture Gardens on several occasions and can heartily recommend a visit there. It is open to the public from September through June.

**The Slovak Garden, A Home for Slovak Americans, Inc.** is probably the largest of the Czech and Slovak organizations in Florida.

The seed was sown for the Slovak Garden way back in 1939 when Mr. and Mrs. John JERGA of Detroit, Michigan gave \$10,000 to the Zivena Beneficial Society for the purpose of establishing a Slovak retirement community. The money was held in escrow until 1949 when a 40 acre farm with a two-bedroom house was bought near Winter Park, Florida. It wasn't until 1952 that the Slovak Garden came into existence due primarily to the efforts of Karol BELOHLAVEK.

Today the Slovak Garden has more than 30 apartments for rent, a large building that houses a library and museum, a smaller hall, a swimming pool and shuffleboard court. The annual Slovenský Den is held on the first Sunday of March and is attended by several hundred people. It begins with a Mass said in Slovak, followed by a traditional Slovak dinner, entertainment, and dancing.

## Slovak National Cemetery

As CFGS members were photographing cemeteries for inclusion on our website, Sallie BELPERCHE discovered that Memory Gardens cemetery on Kuzmany Road in Winter Park had another entrance with stones marking it as Slovak National Cemetery. Further research has not turned up much more solid information.

This cemetery has had a variety of names. Currently, the entry sign reads Memory Gardens, a ministry of Lighthouse Church - and is for sale. The area is divided by deep brush into two distinct parts. The 1983 survey completed by CFGS members included only the part of the cemetery that is on the north end and was designated at Lake Howell Cemetery. Seminole County lists this as Lake Howell United Methodist Cemetery: aka Howell Creek Cemetery. The south section is designated as Memory Garden Cemetery (previously known as Slovak National Cemetery). A 2000 survey by Theresa Mann ELIOT, posted on USGenWeb gives the name of the cemetery as Slovak National Cemetery and Dike Cemetery (combined survey), (aka: Memory Gardens Cemetery a ministry of Gospel Light Baptist Church) <<http://files.usgwarchives.net/fl/seminole/cemetery/slovak.txt>> The address is 145 Moyses Rd, Casselberry or 180 Kuzmany Rd, Winter Park, depending on which listing you use. Section 29/Township 21S. Range 31E.



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**SLOVAK NATIONAL CEMETERY AND DIKE CEMETERY** (combined survey), (aka: Memory Gardens Cemetery a ministry of Gospel Light Baptist Church), Casselberry, Seminole County, FL. File contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by Theresa K. Mann ELLIOTT, (solarize@mindspring.com).

Notes: This cemetery was dedicated by: Mr. & Mrs. Charles BELOHLAVEK, Mr. & Mrs. Paul BLAZEK, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew GABOR, Mrs. Susan KUSY--Founders of the Slovak Village 1949. Directions: Located off of Howell Branch Rd. and Kuzmany Rd. Surveyed: October 5, 2000

A.B.S.

ALLEN, Pearl M. "Nonna", B. May 15 1914 D. Sep 29 1999

BAKER, Elizabeth Jane, B. Oct 18 1923 D. Nov 14 1993

BAKER, Jack, B. 1922 D. 1979, "Major, Us Air Force"

BAKIERAK, Jaroslav, B. Aug 30 1950 D. Nov 12 1989

BARAN, Donna, B. Oct 29 1945 D. Nov 28 1989

BARAN, Joseph M., B. Jan 4 1947 D. Aug 9 1979

BARNETT, Jessica, B. 1985 D. 1997 (House Fire on 1-11-1997)

BARRETT, Ira Mason, B. Sep 23 1920 D Jan 16 1980

BARRETT, William Alexander, Jr., B. 1946 D. 1981

BEASLEY, John, B. 1852 D. 1931

BELOHLAVEK, Charles, R., B. 1912, D. 1982

BELOHLAVEK, Karol, B. 1886 D. 1983 (Same Headstone as Maria Belholavek) (Founders of Slovak Village, Slovak Cemetery, Slovak Community)

BELOHLAVEK, Maria Rodena Strapeg, b. 1884 d. 1967 (Zakladatelia Slovenskej Zahrady Slovenskej Dedimy Slovenskeko Narodneho Cintorina Ovocim Ducha je Leska. Raadost Pokoj Gal 5:22 Nasa Radost Sa Naplnila jan 15:11 S Radostou Vykonalni Sme Svoj Beh a Sluzbu. Skut 20:24 Otce Do Rug Tvojich Porucame Ducha Nasho Udel Nam Milost Pokoj Tiche Odpocinutie Zakladatelom Velkeho Diela!)



BENTON, Angelina Dawn, B. Sep 14 1980 D. Oct 21 1999

BLANKENSHIP, Clyde R., b. Jun 23 1920 d. Sep 1 1998 (Cremains)

BONILLA, Melissa, B. Mar 16 1970 D. Jan 8 1999

BOSTON, Robert Brandon, B. Dec 17 1994 D. Aug 21 1995

BRILLHART, Mary Elizabeth, B. Jun 9 1917 D. Jul 7 1979

CABADAJ, Martin, B. Dec 7 1888 D. Apr 30 1967

CAMPBELL, Michael Aaron, B. Feb 24 1979 D. Aug 12 1999

CARR, Kevin L., B. Jun 25 1968 D. May 5 1987

CHANEY, L.T., Jr., B. Feb 27 1949 D. Mar 7 1993

CHANEY, Shirley "Betty", B. Dec 6 1934 D. Sep 3 1999

CHOVANEK, Albert P., B. Apr 7 1925 D. Mar 1 1988, "Cpl Us Army, Wwii", "Dear Father"

CHOVANEK, Julia, B. 1890 D. 1964 (Mother)

CHOVANEK, Olga J., B. 1924 D. Blank (Daughter)

CHOVANEK, Paul, B. 1884 D. 1964 (Father)

CIBULA, John, B. 1885 D. 1966

CIBULA, Maria, B. 1885 D. 1972

COLON, Norma I., B. Jun 13 1948 D. Jan 3 1998 (El Senor Es Mi Pastor. Nada Me Faltora En Lucares De Delicados Pastos Me Hara Yacer Junto a Aquas De Reposo Me Conducira)

DEJESUS, Carmen D., B. 1945 D. 2000 (Funeral Marker)

DIAZ, Ronnie, B. Sep 27 1964 D. Jan 14 2000

DIKE, Baby (No Dates)

DIKE, Baby (No Dates)

DIKE, Bessie T., B. 1913 D. 1986

DIKE, Charles E., B. 1922 D. 1989

DIKE, Henry W., B. 1917 D. Blank

DIKE, Margaret, B. 1911 D. 1987

DIKE, Pauline Tuck, B. 1916 D. 1994

DIKE, Randall M., B. 1913 D. 1978 (Rmd Marker Also)

DIKE, Roland M., B. 1908 D. 1982

DIKE, Tommy, B. Oct 13 1937 D. Dec 8 1939 (Pauline and Henry DIKE's Baby)

DORRELL, Melvina, B. 1905 D. 1983

DORRELL, Victor, B. 1909 D. 1978

DOWNARD, Keith, B. Nov 12 1936 D. Blank

DOWNARD, Sarah E. "Patsy", B. Feb 12 1941 D. Aug 20 1999

DRIGGERS, Mary Elizabeth, B. 1810 D. 1904

DURDIN, Dora W., B. 1863 D. 1927

DURDIN, Elijah J., B. 1859 D. 1931

F.J.T

FERENCE, Veronica, B. 1895 D. 1978 (Beloved Teta)

GABOR, John, B. Mar 16 1921 D. Blank (Married Lydia on 2-14-1948)

GABOR, Lydia, B. Nov 8 1923 D. Oct 22 1998

GALLO, Elizabeth, B. 1901 D. 1988

GALLO, Michael, B. 1896 D. 1987

GASPAROVITCH, Marie E., B. 1908 D. 1989

GASPAROVITCH, Stephen J., B. 1903 D. 1988

GIBBS, Richard C., B. Nov 27 1951 D. Feb 15 1981

GRESS, Todd M., B. 1957 D. 1980, "HN US Navy"

HAIKO, Ondrej Jr., B. Oct 8 1925 D. May 4 1987

HALFORD, Mable, B. Apr 4 1919 D. Jul 31 1920

HALL, Donald R., B. Jul 2 1956 D. Oct 8 1978

HALL, Marjorie Irene, B. Mar 15 1931 D. Mar 9 1996

HELM, Mary, B. 1850 D. 1887 (Wife of William Richard Taliaferro)

HODAK, August, B. Nov 11 1879 D. Jul 9 1969

HODAK, Joseph, F., B. Oct 21 1909 D. Aug 20 1992

HODAK, Theresa E., B. Oct 11 1913 D. May 11 1989

HULL, Ezekiah R., B. Jul 3 1849 D. Nov 27 1936, "Co. H 2 Fla. Inf CSA"

HUNTER, Vivian, B. 1900 D. 1900

HURD, Gene W., B. Jul 7 1923 D. Nov 9 1986, "SI US Navy, WWII"

HWD

J.C.K., B. 1907 D. 1981

JANCO, John, B. Jun 18 1889 D. Nov 4 1971

JENYIK, Eva, B. 1893 D. 1968

JERKINS, Sarah, B. Unreadable D. 1903

JOHNSON, Robert J., B. 1919 D. 1979

KING, William F., B. Feb 16 1917 D. Jun 4 1980, "SSG, US Army, Korea"

KLEINSNITZ, John Carroll, B. Dec 30 1907 D. Apr 23 1981

KLEINSNITZ, May, B. May 3 1908 D. Jul 16 1988

KOHLLOSS, Agnes Moreman, B. Mar 16 1899 D. Dec 25 1988

KOHLLOSS, Gladstone Leighton, B. Dec 30 1898 D. Aug 27 1984

KOUANICH, Victor, B. 1884 D. 1967

KOVANICH, Helen, B. 1889 D. 1975

LAWRENCE, Elenor M., B. 1895 D. 1993

LAWRENCE, J. Edward, B. 1897 D. 1979

LIHANI, John, B. 1894 D. 1969

LONG, Annie, B. 1923 D. 1924

LONG, Clifford, B. 1911 D. 1928

LONG, Cona C., B. Apr 15 1935 D. Nov 14 1982

LONG, John M., B. Feb 2 1883 D. Oct 10 1949

LONG, Marvin D., B. Sep 11 1931 D. Blank

LONG, Minnie May, B. Oct 19 1893 D. Apr 13 1961

LUPTAK, John, B. May 21 1888 D. Dec 19 1972, "Pvt, US Army, WWI"

MADRIGAL, Alejandro Duque, (Fuiste Tu Un Pedacito De Cielo Que Dios Me Reagalo)

MALDONADO, Ramon Molina, B. Jul 10 1927 D. Dec 12 1997, "US Army"

MOCK, David L., D. 1970 (Infant Son)

MOCK, Ernest B., Jr., B. Dec 2 1932 D. Sep 12 1986

MOCK, Ernset B., Sr., B. Jul 16 1904 D. Jul 5 1958

MOCK, Gyte R., B. Dec 29 1909 D. Jan 20 1981

MOCK, Jhonny C. "Red", B. Jan 29 1937 D. Aug 30 1989

MOORE, Norman E. "Dutch", B. Aug 13 1939 D. Feb 7 2000

MOORE, Robert S. "Gramps", B. Dec 4 1873 D. Oct 11 1960

MOREMAN, Augustin, B. Feb 18 1830 D. Jun 14 1915

MOREMAN, Elizabeth, B. 1861 D. 19490

MOREMAN, Mary Grant, B. Mar 14 1890 D. Nov 29 1907

MOREMAN, Minnie A., B. 1874 D. 1966

MOREMAN, Sarah E., B. Feb 8 1833 D. Oct 23 1919

MOREMAN, Upton, B. 1854 D. 1940

MOREMAN, Wilson, B. 1863 D. 1947

NEWTON, Harvey, B. 1902 D. 1976

NEWTON, Piety, B. 1831 D. 1885

NEWTON, William, B. Apr 8 1899 D. Mar 12 1950

NORMAN, Paul G., B. Dec 22 1922 D. Jun 1 1997, "US Army"

O.D.T

ORVASKY, Edward, B. Apr 17 1875 D. Jul 7 1966 (Pokojne)

ORVASKY, Maria, B. Sep 1 1891 D. Jul 31 1972 (Odpočivame)

PALLAY, Jozef, B. Dec 19 1885 D. Mar 25 1958 (Romnik Postavilco Clenstvo Ziveny)

PARKER, Annie Muriel, B. Aug 16 1879 D. Feb 2 1900 (Daughter of Charles Frederick & Annie Parker of London, England)

PARKER, Richard Frederick, B. Nov 12 1875 D. May 15 1907 (Son of Charles Frederick & Annie Parker of London, England)

PATTERSON, Michael D., B. Jul 19 1966 D. Feb 25 1989

PEREZ, Mariano, Sr., B. Mar 4 1943 D. Dec 15 1998

PIVARC, Pavel, B. 1889 D. 1961 (Vecny Zivot; Jana 3, 15)

PORTER, Dwight A., B. 1920, D. 1979, "Pvt, US Army, WWII"

RD

RIS (small marker)

RIS (small marker)

RMD

ROBERTS, Bertie M., B. 1901 D. 1983

ROBERTS, Elbert L., B. 1893 D. 1961

ROBERTS, Theodore "Teddy", B. Oct 5 1938 D. Sep 23 1993

SCRITCHFIELD, James W., B. Apr 1 1927 D. Jun 28 1997

SELF, A. Vivian, B. 1881 D. 1883

SELF, Benjamin J., B. 1844 D. 1920

SELF, Burton, B. 1888 D. 1888

SELF, Edward O., D. Dec 31 1901 (Eos Marker; 25 Yrs, 7 Months, 23 Days)

SELF, George W., Jr., B. 1874 D. 1895

SELF, George W., Sr., B. 1814 D. 1898

SELF, Harriet Josephine, B. 1868 D. 1887

SHONK, Stephen, B. 1993 D. 1997 (House Fire on 1-11-1997)

SIERRA, D. Mar 17 1994 (Vanessa's Baby)

SKALOS, John, B. 1885 D. 1968

SMITH, Deborah Hall, B. Nov 16 1954 D. Jun 12 1994

SMITH, Henry A., B. 1836 D. 1902

SMITH, J.C., B. Jul 5 1854 D. Nov 2 1916 (Mason)

SMITH, Margery, B. 1835 D. 1899

SMITH, Raymond I., B. Oct 1 1914 D. Oct 14 1984



SMITH, Susan, B. 1818 D. 1901  
 SMITH, Sybil T., B. Aug 21 1919 D. Blank  
 SMRCEK, Frances, B. Sep 14 1894 D. Oct 24 1981  
 STEFFEL, Richard Francis, B. 1886 D. 1961  
 STEFFEL, Richard S., B. Nov 5 1911 D. Jul 3 1994  
 STEFFEL, Susan S., B. Apr 3 1918 D. Blank

TALIAFERRO, William Richard, B. 1841 D. 1894  
 TAYLOR, Cindy "Erb", B. 1957 D. 1997 (House  
 Fire on 1-11-1997)  
 TORRES, Jorge Luis, B. Feb 10 1951 D. Aug 17  
 1998  
 TUCK, Florence P., B. Jan 28 1934 D. Blank  
 TUCK, Francis Jos, B. Dec 25 1876 D. Sep 24 1953

TUCK, Harlan, B. Sep 23 1925 D. Jan 20 1989,  
 "Capt US Air Force, WWII, Korea"  
 TUCK, Otie Decker, B. Oct 21 1892 D. Mar 27 1942

WALLCER, Elizabeth SMITH, B. Aug 10 1865 D.  
 Mar 23 1949

YAROS, Andrew, B. May 19 1896 D. Apr 18 1982  
 YAROS, Emma, B. Nov 1 1899 D. Jul 24 1971

ZARY, Jozef, B. 1883 D. 1965  
 ZARY, Terezia, B. 1881 D. 1957

\*13 unmarked/destroyed/unreadable graves

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**Conclusions on Frederick Kieser 1842-1909** continued from p. 3

<p>Inventory on death of Christine (MAUSSLER) KIESER in 1888, Illingen, Germany mentions, "the daughter Johanne, widow of the + Gottfried RIEDEL, farmer, moved also in the year 1853 to Amerika and is reported to have died there".</p>	<p>No death records exist for Johanna (KIESER) RIDDLE in Delaware Co, OH, but it was before the death of Gottfried RIDDLE in 1869 as his death certificate lists him as widowed.</p> <p>Gottfried RIDDLE died about 1869-70. [Settlement of estate in 1870] Guardians were appointed for his biological minor children, but John KEISER was not mentioned. He was on his own at abt age 15</p>
<p>Birth and death records (other than German church records for Frederick) are not informative for Frederick, John or Lyda. The name Frederick Kieser on John's death certificate is probably his much older brother, rather than his father.</p>	<p>Frederick Kieser died 22 Sep 1909 in Columbus, OH. His death certificate gives parents as "unknown, b. Germany"</p> <p>John Keiser died 14 Apr 1925. His death certificate gives his father as Frederick Keiser; mother unknown.</p> <p>Lyda RIDDLE SAEMON'S 1915 death certificate gave her mother as Miss Hannah Keiser; father: Gottfried Riddle, both b. Germany</p>

**Orlando Deaths 1922-1929: Introducing our newest CFGS book**

During the period of 1910-1922, several Florida cities kept detailed records of those who died within the city. These records were kept by the cities of Orlando, Ocala, St Augustine and Escambia county - and probably others. They were kept in large ledger books by the Orlando City Department of Health. These were moved to the Florida State Office of Vital Statistics in Jacksonville and are now only available for viewing by appointment.

CFGS previously published two books, *Orlando Births 1910-1922* and *Orlando Deaths 1910-1922*, covering the records in Volume 1 of the Birth & Death Register. These are available through the CFGS website at <www.cfgs.org>. This newest book covers deaths from October 22, 1922 to April 30, 1929. The Orlando ledgers were not continued after that date.

Florida Sanitarium (now Florida Hospital) opened in 1908; Orange General Hospital (now Orlando Health) opened in late 1918. These attracted patients from all of central Florida, as well as many visitors to the area. Thus the records of Orlando deaths include many who were not from Orlando, but died here. This volume gives name, date of death, residence, occupation, place of death, length of time in Orlando, cause of death and burial place.

During the period that this book was in progress, other records have gone online that expand the information found here. The Family History Library has released *Florida Deaths 1877-1939*, which can be found at <www.familysearch.org>. The Central Florida Memory Project includes the early records of Carey Hand Funeral Home in Orlando. These may be found at <www.cfmemory.org/Collection/CareyHand>.

The book is available through the CFGS website as well as on Amazon.com.

FOR THE CITY OF ORLANDO, ORANGE COUNTY, FLA.											
1923.											
DEATHS											
DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	Sex	Color	Age	MARRIAGE	RESIDENCE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	LENGTH OF RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF DEATH	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
Month	Day				WIDOWED OR SINGLE	Street No.					
Apr.	14	Carrick X. Barrlett	F.	W	47	Married Pittman St. O. S. H.	7 da.	At Home	Macom Co. Fla.	Acidosis	Camway Cem.
"	16	Vincint H. Yrean	M	W	33	Married Lexington St. Albaha	12 yrs	Civil Engineer	Tampa Fla.	Carcinoma of Teste	Tampa Fla.
"	17	Jack Mally Warner	M	W	67	Married Huntington St. Luke	1 year	Banker Manufacturer	Hickory N.C.	Heart Disease Arteriosclerosis	Farmington Conn.
"	16	Infant Mrs. Mrs. C. H. Harman	F.	W	Single	Infant Albaha			Albaha	Stillborn	Greenwood
"	17	J. W. Bigler S.	M.	Col	62	Single Albaha O. S. H.	20 yrs	Labor	Fla.	Typhoid Fever	Greenwood
"	18	Mrs. Mamba A. Stephens	F.	W	73	Married Atlanta Ga. Albaha	1 year	At Home	Charleston S.C.	Tuberculosis	Greenwood
"	"	Wm. B. Nichols B.	M	W	18	Married N. Sumner Albaha	4 yrs	Druggist	West Indian	Scurvy	Worcester Mass.
"	"	Thyde Young B.	M	W	17	Single Monticello D. S. H.	1 hr.		Lynn Ga.	Carcinoma of Testis	Calabash Fla.
"	21	Florida B. Atman	F	Col	45	Married Douglas St. Albaha		Cook	Tallahassee Fla.	Cancer of Testis	Greenwood
"	23	Wm. M. Harper	M	W	63	Married Bayne St. Fla. Gen.	17 yrs	Physician	Lynn Ga.	Septic Shock	Catholic Cem.
"	22	Mrs. Anne S. Taylor	F.	W	66	Widow W. Church Albaha	5 yrs	At Home	Edmore N.Y.	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Hamletilla
"	21	Minnie Potter S.	F.	Col	25	Single Carter Albaha	6 mos	House W.C.	S.C.	Tuberculosis	Greenwood
"	22	Clara Bibber	F.	W	63	Married Liberty St. Albaha	5 mos	Journalist	Wedge N.Y.	Breast Edema Hemorrhage	Greenwood N.Y.
"	25	Will Lee S.	M	Col	18	Single Harrison Albaha	15 da.		Albaha	Malnutrition	Greenwood

Sample - Register of Deaths in Orlando, FL 1923, p. 10

## CFGS Website Has Features Available Only to Our Members

by Walter WOOD, CFGS Webmaster

Our website has exclusive areas that are available only to CFGS members who have registered online. If you have not already registered, follow the directions below as to how to do this. Then read on to see what these Member's Only features are and how to use them.

First, a note on the menus found on our website. The main menus displayed at the top of every web page can be clicked on. For example, if you hover your mouse over Local Resources, it will open a list of submenus below it. You can still click on Local Resources and will find a great deal of information on that page. The submenus are simply a way to catalog additional pages in an organized fashion. However, there are menus, specifically in Community Builder and the Forums where the top menu only displays available the submenus and do not themselves link to a page of their own. These menus are in addition to the main menu at the top of the page.

### Website Registration

If you are a CFGS member and have not registered on our website, do so by going to <http://cfigs.org> and clicking on *Register* just beneath the Login Form on the right side of the home page. Note that non-member requests will be ignored. Once on the Registration page you will see a form that you need to fill out. There are a number of boxes on the form but only the boxes with an "!" inside a small orange circle are mandatory. The remainder are suggested; share only what you feel comfortable sharing.

The first box you will encounter is the *Interest* box. I recommend you use this for the surnames and locations you are most interested in so you can connect with other CFGS members with the same interests. Since this box will hold over 200 characters, I recommend you use a text editor (and not a word processor) to build your list and then copy them into the *Interest* box. If you try to include more characters that this box will hold, you will receive an error. Filling out this box is optional.

The next five boxes are for your name, *Email Address* and the *Username* you choose. These are all are required except for *Middle Name* which is not required, but is strongly recommended. Married women may want to use this box for their maiden name. Please ensure that you enter your correct email address because if this is wrong, you cannot be approved.

Your *Zip Code* is required; the rest of the boxes are recommended. Be sure to check in the small check box under the *Phone Number* box, as this is needed to subscribe you to our email list for our newsletter. When you check this box, you will again be required to fill in your email address and name. (Sorry, but this is a bug in the module used for this purpose.) Before clicking on *Register* at the bottom of the page, please read carefully the instructions outlining the procedure that will follow as this seems to confuse many users.

After you click on Register we will send you a confirmation message. If you do not receive the message in a few minutes, check your spam filter to see if it is there. **You must click on the link in this message to confirm your email address** and continue the process. Once you do this, it may take a day or so for us to manually verify your CFGS membership and approve your account. After we verify your membership, you will receive a username and password by email.

After the registration process is completed, you will be able to login to the website with your user name and password. Once you are logged on, you will see a new *Member's Only* item on the main menu. This menu is hidden until you are registered.

If you wish to change your password, update your email address or change your user name:

Log into your account using the username and password provided in your welcoming message.

Click on *My Profile*

Click on *Edit -> Update Your Profile*

Click on the *Contact Info* tab

Enter your new password into *Password*

Verify your new password by typing it again into *Verify Password*

Click on *Update* at the bottom

Note: The strong password we will provide you is one that would be difficult to crack. I recommend you use this password and not change it. Do **not** use the same password for every website. If any website where you used this “common password” is compromised, then all of your other accounts could also be compromised.

## CFGS Website "Member's Only" Features

The features shown below are available only to registered CFGS members **who are logged in** and, for the most part, are accessed via the *CFGS Community* menu item. The most recent five years of *Buried Treasures* quarterly and recent editions of our newsletter, *Treasure Chest News*, can be accessed through *Local Resource* in the menu. Older issues of *Buried Treasures* are available to everyone. Articles in them can be found by searching for key words using the search box provided on select pages.

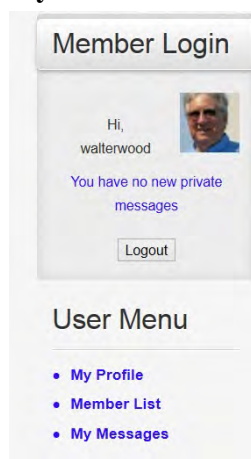
## Community Builder

Community Builder is the framework that supports many of these features. There are too many features in Community Builder to cover so I will cover only the main points. If you have specific questions, please post those in the Members Forum discussed below. For a problem that needs to be addressed right away, please email them to [webmaster@cfgs.org](mailto:webmaster@cfgs.org). An updated version of Community Builder is currently under testing and may be implemented soon, so you may see some minor changes in the appearance of some of its features.

## Member Login

This is where you log into the website. Once logged in, you will see your photo (or avatar if you have not added a photo), any messages waiting for you, and a *User Menu*. From the User Menu you can check your profile, view the list of registered members and check messages.

## My Profile



You can view and edit your personal profile by clicking My Profile in the User Menu under your login, clicking on CFGS Community in the main menu after logging in, or by clicking on your photo avatar in the sidebar on the right side of the page.

Your profile page has two areas, both with menus. The upper part of the pages contains information on your status and any interests you added when you registered. Here you can Edit your profile, upload your photo avatar and review Connections you have established with other members. The lower part of the page contains your contact information, Forum activity and Connections you have established.

We encourage you to upload a photo to your profile so others can get to know and recognize you. Your image will be resized if needed to a maximum dimension of 200 pixels width x 500 height automatically. The image file you use should not exceed 2000 KB (2 MB). Notification of new messages or responses to your posts in the forum will be shown in your *Member Login* area under your photo.

## Member List

The *Member List* is a directory of all CFGS members **who are registered on the website**. This list is available only to registered members. Non-members are not allowed to register, so they cannot see this list. The list can be reached by clicking on *Member List* in the *Users Menu*. If you do not see the User's Menu, double click on your photo.

Membership List will allow you to get to know other members and their interests while protecting your privacy. While others can contact you, they cannot view your email address, phone number or address. Also, there are provisions to allow you to block unwanted contact. You do not have to communicate with any other member unless you specifically want to.



The members list is sorted by the member's surname. The information displayed in the directory is: your first, middle and last names; date you joined the CFGS website and your photo avatar. A generic avatar is displayed until you upload a photo or other graphic. You may modify your information; we encourage you to review it to be sure it contains what you want others to see. The list contains multiple pages so if you don't find who you are looking for, go to the next page or use the "Search Users" in the upper-right of the list that allows you to find specific users.

Once you find who you are looking for, click on their photo / avatar to open their listing. This will display their information and a series of menu bars across the top that allow you interact with them. You can hover your mouse over each one of these menu bars to view options available. Specifically note the *Moderation* menu where you can report unwanted contact and/or block other users from contacting you.

If there is a need, we can setup specific groups for those with the same surnames or locations. Plans for the members list include a form where you can list the surnames and places you are researching but, for now, you should put these in your *Interest* field.

### **Email List**

Our email system will be using MailChimp which is currently in testing mode. Under the User Menu is your subscription to our mailing list. If you checked the box when registering, you will already be subscribed to our email list. If you are not subscribed, you can subscribe here. Should you wish to unsubscribe, you can click to unsubscribe. Once MailChimp is implemented, there will also be a link to unsubscribe in every message sent.

### **Private Email System**

You can now email other registered members privately using the new email system. This does not require any additional software as it is built into Community Builder. There is not a specific menu to reach this system but there are several ways to do this. If you have the profile of the person you want to send a message to already open, the fastest way is to use the *Quick Message* box near the bottom of their profile. Once you have typed your message click on Send Message.

For a longer or more detailed message, hover your mouse cursor over **Message** in the menu at the top of their profile and choose either *Send Private Message* or *Send Email*. The main difference between these two is that using Private Message does not reveal your personal email address while Send Email does contain your email address. There is a second Send Email link at the bottom of each Profile under the Contact Info tab.

If you have message(s) waiting for you, a link will be displayed in the sidebar under your login name and photo. You can also check for messages by clicking on My Messages in the User Menu. You can choose to have a notification emailed to you when you receive a message using this internal system. This setting is found by clicking on My Messages under the Member Login and scrolling down below any messages listed and then clicking on Settings. This offers a way to have the system send you a notification to your email address. (The person sending you a message does not see this message or your email address.)

### **Members Forums**

The *Members Forums* provide you a way for us to post questions, share your information or discuss a topic of interest. These forums can be viewed by all registered members. By using the forums, you can ask questions or share information. Any member can respond to forum posts

The forums are opened by clicking *Member Forums* under CFGS Community in the main menu at the top of every page. You can read what others have posted and respond to them, or you can create your own post. You are able to have an email sent to you when someone responds. A search feature is available to search all posts for keywords. If you participated in one or more topics, you will see a link to them in the sidebar under your login name and photo.

To create a new forum post, simply click on New Topic. This will open the forum editor. First select the category that applies and fill in your Subject. The editor has a menu ribbon similar to that found in newer MS Office programs. You can see what each item in the ribbon does by hovering over it. You can change the font and other formatting from the menu bar and add emoticons. Type your post in the message window. You can apply formatting, emoticons, and even clickable links by using the ribbon. Help for codes used in this editor can be obtained by clicking on the “?” in the ribbon.

If you are having a problem with the forums or any other website issue, post it in the forums under the category *CFGS Website Help*. Also post suggestions to improve the website in the forums. Note that the Help menu for the Forums is under construction and it will be completed once we know what you are having problems with.

There is a drop-down box to allow you to select categories to view or post to. We can add new categories for specific areas of genealogy research if needed. Forum categories available are shown below.

### Member's Blog

The Member's Blog is for articles created by members on topics of interest. This would also include articles appearing in the *Treasure Chest News* and an article that summarizes every meeting. When available, handouts and/or presentations from recent meetings will be made available here.

The Blog differs from the Forums in that blog articles would be longer and commenting is not available. The goal is that all articles in the Member's Blog would be written by our members themselves and not the responsibility of the officers or the webmasters.

We have the ability to allow every registered member to post articles they write. This will only be available to those who have been through some simple training. Creating an article for the website is very much like using a word processor or posting in the forums. The main difference is that the writer must choose an appropriate title, heading and category to be placed in specific places, so the article will display correctly on the website. It is also necessary to assign a start and end publishing date.

How to write for the blog is covered in a short training session. I can schedule a class for those who are interested. I am flexible on the time and date but we need to meet somewhere that has Internet access and a projector and screen. Contact me (Walter) using Send Email if you have an interest.

### In Conclusion

These features were added for your use and to benefit our members. If not registered, get registered! Log onto the website and start using the features in Community Builder. Click on things and learn how they work. Try the different menus and learn what they do. If you have a problem with any new feature, post a question in the forums in the category *CFGS Website Help*. Also post comments, bugs or suggestions to improve the website in the forums. Enjoy!

**Main Forum**  
This is the main forum section. It serves as a container for categories for your topics.

- Welcome Mat**  
We encourage new members to introduce themselves here. Get to know one another and share your interests.
- Suggestion Box**  
Have some feedback or input to share? Want additional Forum categories? Don't be shy and drop us a note. We want to hear from you and strive to make our site better and more user friendly for our members.
- Success Stories**  
Broken through a brick wall. Found that long lost ancestor or discovered a new database. Share it with other!

**Getting Technical Help**  
Ask help with technical topics including software, computers, smartphones, tablets and websites including this

- Computers and Genealogy**  
Do you have questions on what software to use for your genealogy data? Having a problem with your computer? How to use the software you have? How to backup or use the Cloud? This is where to ask questions and get answers!
- Mobile Genealogy**  
Using a tablet or smartphone for genealogy; Apple, Android or Windows? Ask your question on how to use your mobile device?
- CFGS Website Help**  
Need Help using our Website? Ask here!

**Genealogy Help**  
Need help with researching your ancestors?

- European Ancestors**  
Help with you European ancestors including the UK and all of eastern and western Europe.
- What and Where Are You Researching?**  
Tell us what surnames and where you are researching. Feel free to update and let us know your successes or brick walls. You can also create additional threads for different names or areas.
- United States and Canada**  
Get help for all your North American ancestors from colonial times through the 20th Century.
- DNA**  
Put your discussions and questions on DNA testing here.

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